

Hello everyone!

We know it has been quite a while since we have written a formal newsletter, so we decided that it was definitely time. So much has happened since we last wrote; it is hard to know where to begin!

We had the chance to go home for Summer Break, which we had a great time! Cliff was able to work on painting the trim of a house for Avie's parents, and Avie was able to take over the secretarial position for the church for a couple of days so the secretary could have a Summer Break. Both enjoyed working and earning a bit more money over the summer. We also had a great time just relaxing after a busy Jungle Camp. We went camping with Avie's family and to the beach with Cliff's family. It was so nice having both our families so close that we didn't feel as if we had to split our time up as much as it could have been. Thanks to our families who helped us have a wonderful and relaxing break.

We also had the chance to speak at the churches supporting us. Thank you to Hesperia Community Church, Desert Rock Church, and Bible Baptist Church for the chance to speak and the chance to fellowship with you over the summer!

Now, we are back in Canada, head deep in the middle of classes. We began with Phonetics, which is learning the sounds that are made in our language and many combinations of sounds that could be made in other languages. We are also learning how to write these sounds as we hear it, and speak them as well. It has been a very difficult few weeks so far, but we are enjoying looking back at the beginning of classes and seeing the progress we and our class are making with these sounds we are learning. For example: the word (team) would be spelt phonetically as (tim)

except the "t" would have a "h" raised beside it to say that we are aspirating it, or pushing air out as we say the "t"! So much new information to process every day, with so little time to process it.

After this class, we will be doing grammar, however it will be different from the grammar we learned in school, because it is more about understanding how a language or sentence is built, rather than just learning what a verb or adjective is. We have that class to look forward to in 1½ weeks!

There will be many other classes we will have in the next 8 months! We will try to keep you updated as much as possible as we make our journey through our final year in training here in Canada!